

## Newsletter

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### **Board of Directors**

Johanna Trenerry, Chairwoman Irwin Fust, Vice Chairman Doug Evans, Director Virginia Bassham, Director Mark Engel, Director



#### **Managers**

Kurt Born, General Manager Richard Cascarina, Assist. Manager James Paul, Superintendent



## \*\*Board Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2019 \* Next Meeting April 17, 2019 \*\*

Directors In Attendance: Johanna Trenerry, Irwin Fust, Virginia Bassham, Doug Evans and Mark Engel

Staff In Attendance: Kurt Born, Richard Cascarina, Christy Roberts & William Palmaymesa

**Audience:** Tammy Cole

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019, BOD Meeting and paid bills from 01/24/19—03/11/19. Motion voted on and unanimously approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPCOMING STAFF RETIREMENTS:** Manager Born stated that Roxanna Sanford will be the first of three employees to retire this year. Born stated he wanted the BOD to recognize Roxanna for her 30+ years of service to Clear Creek Community Services District. Chairwoman Trenerry, Director Bassham, Director Evans, Director Engel and Vice Chairman Fust all thanked Roxanna for her years of dedicated service to the District. Roxanna stated her immediate plans after retirement are to spend more time with her grandchildren. Chairwoman Trenerry read Ordinance 2019-02 aloud. A motion was made, seconded, voted on and unanimously approved to pass Ordinance 2019-02.

WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: Chairwoman read aloud Ordinance 2019-03 of the Five-Year Water Management Plan and in compliance with the requirements of the CVP water service contract. Manager Born stated that this plan complies with the requirements of USBR and that it has already been reviewed by USBR and all corrections have been made and it is complete. Chairwoman asked the other Board members if they had any questions and Director Bassham stated that she has not had a chance to read it and will have to abstain from the motion. A motion was made,

seconded, voted on and approved with 4 ayes and 1 abstain.

**PER DIEM RATE SCHEDULE FOR 2019:** Manager Born stated these schedules need to be reviewed and updated every year. Born stated that the most significate change is the mileage, increasing from .54.5¢ to .58¢ per mile. Born suggested an increase to the Directors for the monthly Board meetings. Director Engel stated he feels the compensation for the monthly meeting amounts are more appropriate than some of the other compensations on the schedule and suggested we look at those in the future, in addition to the monthly Directors fees. Director Engel suggested that out of town compensations should be increased. Vice Chairman stated that the current compensation schedule was ok with him. Vice Chairman made a motion to keep the Directors compensation at \$100.00 and increase the mileage from .54.5¢ to .58¢ cents per mile and Director Bassham seconded. Director Engel stated that our compensation is much lower than other counties and our rates haven't been adjusted in 25 years. Chairwoman stated this will be put off until next month

OFFICE CLOSURE DURING NOON: Manager Born stated that if the Board does not agree with this, to at least try it and see how it goes. Born stated that being closed for an hour during the day will not change much of anything and would give the office staff an appropriate hour lunch break. Director Bassham disagreed and stated that there is always an employee here to take a payment. Born disagreed with Director Bassham and stated there is not always someone here to take a payment. After a lengthy discussion, Born explained that in previous years, the office has always been staffed with three employees and it is now only staffed with two employees. Director Engel stated that we should put it out there and see what the customers response is. Vice Chairman made a motion to notify the public for two months first, with a trial period of six months and Director

Engel seconded. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

DEBRIS REMOVAL— USBR PLANNING/CARR FIRE COORDINATED EFFORTS: Manager Born stated that Cal-Fire crews are helping with the clean-up, debris and tree removal at no expense to the District and it's going extremely well. The coordination efforts between USBR and Cal-Fire crews coming in and helping us has been very beneficial. Director Engel thanked Mr. Born for being proactive and staying on top of the clean-up efforts. Born stated that it's still an ongoing lengthy process due to the magnitude of the fire and we are now dealing with algae and water treatment process issues that are making things difficult for the treatment staff.

WATER QUALITY~TURBID WATERS: Mr. Palmaymesa stated the turbidity levels have risen since early March and therefore, Treatment Plant is requiring a lot of attention with shorter treatment runs and more backwashes The strain of algae is a yellow/green alga called Tribonema, non-toxic and it's just a filter clogging element that is building up on top of the media. It's requiring longer filter runs and it will get worse as the

weather warms up. Chairwoman thanked Mr. Palmaymesa for attending the meeting.

USBR REVIEW OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REPORT~CONDUIT: Manager Born stated the inspection that the USBR does on the conduit every 5 years was a really good report and one of the best ones that we have had. The engineers that came out to do the inspection were really satisfied with what they saw. Vice Chairman asked if they only inspect the outside? Born stated that they actually look into several of the vaults and especially the ones that have had trouble in the past, so that they can see that our field staff have put in all drains to keep them dry.

SOLAR INFORMATION: Manager Born stated that Kevin with United Sun Energy is still doing some research at the Filter Plant. He is supposed to do another assessment which will affect the initial costs greatly. Born stated that we could break up the project/locations and we would still qualify for the 30%. Director Engel stated that PG&E is a disaster right now and things will only get worse and doing this would only be a benefit. Born

stated that United Sun is a local company based out of Chico and that Kevin Harrasser would come to the next Board meeting if wanted.

WIIN ACT UPDATE: Assistant Manager Cascarina thanked Chairwoman and Director Engel for attending the meeting with him and experiencing what is involved with the WIIN Act process. Mr. Cascarina stated that the WIIN Act is a negotiation to convert a water service contract to a repayment contract with the USBR. Mr. Cascarina stated that some of the pros are; no more negotiating the long-term contract, no more environmental reviews, no attorney's fees and we can keep the allocated water. Some of the cons are; all terms in the existing contract would be up for negotiation, including water quantities and the costs. Director Engel agreed with Mr. Cascarina's statement of pros and cons and stated that if we did this, we would be saving a lot of time, money, legal representation and frustration. We would also be buying into fixed water costs and guaranteed water allotment in perpetuity. It can be paid in three installments and everything must be approved and in place by December 16, 2021. All Directors agreed that we have to make this decision soon. Director Engel stated that another meeting will be held in Sacramento. Director Engel suggested that we contact our legal counsel in moving forward.

## \*\*CIMIS \*\*

The California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) is a program unit in the Water Use and Efficiency Branch, Division of Statewide Integrated Water Management, California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that manages a network of over 145 automated weather stations in California. CIMIS was developed in 1982 by DWR and the University of California, Davis (UC Davis). It was designed to assist irrigators in managing their water resources more efficiently. Efficient use of water resources benefits Californians by saving water, energy, and money. Visit the website @www.cimis.water.ca.gov.

#### \*GEOCATCHERS ~ Happy Valley Clean-Up\*

Florence Crow is planning a clean-up day on April 27, 2019 at 9:30am at the H.V. Community Center. Meet there and help clean up the Valley while looking for treasures. She will be holding a pot-luck at her house after, around 12:00-12:30pm, located at 6197 Happy Valley Road. Anyone interested in attending, please give Florence a call at 530-440-2858.

## \*REMINDER\*

Clear Creek C.S.D. would like to remind customers to please call the District Office any time water service needs to be turned off or on inside the meter box. This will ensure that District valves will only be operated by District employees, thus protecting the customer from charges incurred if valves are broken or meters are damaged. A field staff member is on-call during the weekends and in the evenings. 530-357-2121

### \*\*\*Office Closure ~ 12:00-1:00\*\*\*

We are seeking our Community's input on the closure of the Office between 12-1:00pm in order for our staff to be able to take a lunch break without being interrupted. We have looked into other District's procedures and all of them seem to take this allotted time and close their office. If you have an opinion, please feel free to call the office and let us know. THANK YOU! 530-357-2121

#### Water Usage In Acre Feet March 1,2018 to February 28, 2019

Month	Previous Year	Current Year	+/-
March	71.3	101.9	+30.6
April	87.0	143.0	+56.0
May	350.2	324.7	-25.5
June	522.8	594.8	+72.0
July	709.6	818.5	+108.9
August	641.5	640.3	-1.20
Sept.	492.0	528.7	+36.7
October	356.2	325.2	-31.0
Nov.	124.5	210.5	+86.0
Dec.	109.3	93.9	-15.4
Jan.	89.2	86.1	-3.10
Feb.	140.6	120.9	-19.7
YTD	3,694.2	3,988.5	+345.3

Figures reflect Meter readings at Whiskeytown Dam, less the water diverted to Centerville CSD.

# \*\*She's Retiring\*\*

After 30+ years, Roxanna is retiring and spending more

time with her grandchildren and maybe some traveling. How awesome is that!!! The staff here at CCCSD are going to miss her greatly and are very appreciative of her and her knowledge for the past 30 years. We wish you all the joy in the world Rox!! If you would like to wish her well, stop by the office or give her a call!!



#### Weather Observations February 2019

Rainfall Totals	2017	2018	2019
MTD	1.00"	0.22"	7.56"
YTD	2.89"	0.35"	12.02"

## Monthly High & Low Temperatures

High	59	Low	28
Avg. High	52	Avg. Low	38

## Clear Creek CSD 2018 Water Quality Report

Is available to review on line at clearcreekcsd.org

Always turn off your faucets off tightly to save them from dripping/wasting water.



# DINNER WITH THE DOCTORS

Come hear information that will help you develop a healthy body and healthy life style. Starting April 28th and continuing every 4th Sunday of the month, from 4:00pm-6:00pm. The presentation is free and you can participate in preparing home remedies and enjoy a delicious assortment of vegan foods. Seats limited, so RSVP by calling/texting 530-515-0624 or appiling and healthylifestyle.

0624 or emailing andhealthylifestylecenter7@gmail.com. Free program but donations are appreciated.

Happy Valley Community Center @ 5400 Happy Valley Road

Happy Valley Citizen's Patrol

Help keep the Citizen's Patrol Car on the roads of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley Citizens Patrol is the "eyes and ears" for the Shasta County Sheriff, reporting on suspicious incidents, doing welfare and vacation checks of residents and property and being available to help when needed. The members of the Happy Valley Citizens Patrol are all community volunteers who give of their time to help make Happy Valley a safe place.

#### What you can do:

- Donate to the Happy Valley Citizen's Patrol. (send donations to P.O. Box 1454, Anderson, CA 96007)
- Volunteer to help patrol. (contact Lieutenant Harry Weldin at (530) 339-0706)

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